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For a Minister and his Wife

1. Blessed are the minister and his wife who, when they move from a parish, leave it with their blessing, trusting that through prayer the man of God's own choosing will be found to carry on.
2. Blessed are the minister and his wife who, when they leave a parish, become so engrossed in the work of their new church that they have no time or energy to make frequent visits to their former parish.
3. Blessed are the minister and his wife, who pray earnestly that they will not be envious of increased salary or improved parsonage for their successor.
4. Blessed are the minister and his wife who are living so close to God that strained relations in the church are not required for them to be impelled to seek a new field.
5. Blessed are the minister and his wife who rise above jealousy of others who work in the Kingdom.
6. Blessed are the minister and his wife whose Christian love requires them, on those rare visits to a former parish, they first call on the resident minister and his wife, never forgetting that others now serve in this vineyard.
7. Blessed are the minister and his wife who have too much Christian love to hinder or make difficult another's work.
8. Blessed are the minister and his wife who refuse to stoop to cattiness or gossip, especially about their predecessors or their successors.
9. Blessed are the minister and his wife who speak only good of their fellow ministers and who take no delight in evil reports and who refuse to pass them on.
10. Blessed is the parish who has an understanding minister and his wife who love the Lord and walk in His way.

—By Margaret Ogden
(Mrs. S. Duane)

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Orville M. Hepler

Assistant Superintendent Called

At a meeting of the Conference Board of Trustees held in Topeka on February 14, a call to the Rev. Orville M. Hepler to become Assistant Superintendent of the Conference was authorized. Mr. Hepler, for the past six years minister of the Congregational Church at Gary, Indiana, was asked to come to Topeka the following day to attend sessions of Ministers' Convocation and become acquainted with the Kansas ministers and program. Following the convocation he met with the Conference Christian Education Committee and a special committee appointed to purchase an additional conference parsonage. Before returning to his home in Gary, Mr. Hepler gave verbal acceptance to the call extended, with April 15 set as the time for him to begin his work as Assistant Superintendent.

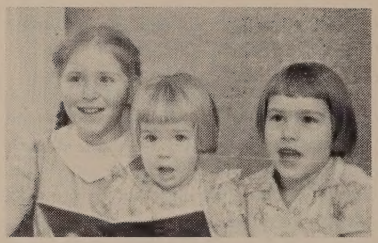
Conference Staff Functions

A study of the functions of the Conference staff, revealed 30 departments of service rendered by staff members. In consultation with Mr. Hepler, services for which he will have special responsibility, were outlined. These include leadership helps in the fields of Audio-Visual service, Christian Education, Church Extension, Evangelism, Fellowship, Missionary Education, Pilgrim Fellowship, Pulpit Supply, Stewardship and Town and Country work. To be sure, he will not be able to serve in all fields at all times, but will give special leadership to each as the program demands.

Background and Experience

Mr. Hepler was born in Pennsyvania, received his elementary education in Michigan, earned his college degree from the University of South Dakota. For several years he taught rural schools in South Dakota, concluding with one year of high school teaching. During his entire seminary education at Chicago Theological Seminary, where he earned his B.S. degree, he supported his family thru a student pastorate and other employment. He was ordained at our Congregational Church in Anthony where he served in 1946 and 47 before he accepted a position as Minister of Education at Plymouth Congregational Church in Wichita. From Wichita he went to Gary, Indiana in 1949.

Mr. Hepler comes to us highly recommended "as an organizer, cooperator, and pastor whose goodness is attractive; friendly, honest and sincere; a Christian gentleman who can be trusted implicitely. He has capable hands and is especially talented in arts and crafts."



The Hepler Family

Mrs. Hepler (Helen) is a daughter of the manse who is reported as having been a tremendous help in the work of the church and Sunday School even when a small child; a most gracious hostess, utterly sympathetic with her husband's work. She has special abilities and training in children's work and Women's work; she is a talented musician in both voice and piano, but her greatest talent lies in her work as a mother and homemaker. The Hepler's have three girls, Lucinda, 12 years of age, Priscilla, 8 years and Margaret Jo, 3 years. The Hepler's assure us that their home will be open to the ministers and lay people of our Kansas Fellowship.

Welcome to Kansas and the Conference Staff!

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Wichita Plymouth

A series of services for the whole family, held each Wednesday evening during Lent include a pot luck supper, a meditation by the minister, the Rev. George Ogden Kirk on the theme "Adventures in Personal Religion," and a movie on the missionary outreach of the church. Each program is arranged by a committee of lay people. Mission fields studied include: The Near East with the movie "South of the Clouds"; India with the movie "Back to Bombay;" Africa with the movie "The King's Man;" Relief and Reconstruction with the movie, "A People Without Fear;" Home Missions with the movie "Again Pioneers;" Japan and the Pacific Area with Tommy Takami of Doane College as the speaker. Two worship services are held each Sunday at Plymouth — one at 9:30 and one at 11:00. Attendance at the two services is averaging more than 900 each Sunday. Identical Church School programs are held each hour under the direction of Miss Pauline Bloomer.

Osborne United Church

The Rev. Hans Poppe will conduct a "Preaching Mission" at United Church March 20-25. A church calendar prepared by the Rev. Samuel Lee, minister at Osborne, was acclaimed an outstanding achievement by ministers attending Convocation. The calendar lists the complete church program for 1955, even to announcing sermon topics and scripture for each Sunday of the year.

Great Christian Beliefs

Lenten services at Lawrence Plymouth follow the theme, "Great Christian Beliefs." The Rev. Dale Turner preaches on this theme at worship services held at 9:00 and 11:00 each Sunday morning. On each Wednesday evening, following a church dinner to which all church families are invited, there is hymn singing and entertainment. At 7:30 Mr. Turner, Mr. Bryant and a guest minister make up a panel for discussion and questions on the presentation of the previous Sunday.

Ministers' Convocation

There were 44 ministers from over the state registered for the Washburn Convocation, plus four lay people from the Christian Education Committee who attended most of the sessions.

Evangelism Committee

Hans Poppe, Chairman

"Christ, The Evangelist"

The resurrected Christ spoke to Peter and He speaks to us today. He speaks to us as surely as if we too had been on the beach that early morning when the small group of fishermen realized they were seeing their Lord, risen from the dead.

After fishing all night without luck, these restless, discouraged men saw a campfire on the beach and heard a man call to them to cast their nets on the other side of the boat. When they pulled in a net full of fish, one of them said the man on the shore had to be Jesus.

A strange constraint silenced their tongues when they gathered together with Him on the shore — no one asked Him if He was truly their Master, but they busied themselves with cooking the fresh fish, eating it, and doing many things in their effort to hide their embarrassment.

Finally, Jesus who knew and understood them so well, turned to Peter and asked him if he loved Him. Peter answered this question three times and Jesus replied, "Feed my lambs," and twice, "Feed my sheep."

More Than Food

His obvious meaning was to give the hungry food and there were many opportunities to do this, as there are today. Our own Christian World Mission needs our consistent giving.

The less obvious meaning may concern our near neighbors who may be hungry for some of our time and attention. It is in this way that we can be most effective as evangelists. We can literally bring people into church membership by relieving their loneliness; by giving a helping hand to a young mother with a sick child; and by extending credit to the man who desperately needs financial help. When we do these things because we are Christians, we do them lovingly and well and they are Christ's way of winning people to God. He went about doing good.

When He said, "Feed my lambs," did He mean, give the little ones love; your serious consideration; give them portions of your time and attention and give these unstintingly and with regularity; give them only good TV programs; only good comic books; give them the security that is a by-product of discipline.

Our Responsibility

Let each of us take these words to heart and to himself. Too often we are like Peter when he wanted to know what John's responsibility was to be. We forget that as followers of Christ, we have assumed the task of winning others to Him.

Jesus' answer to Peter is His answer to us — never mind what others are doing, your business is follow Me.

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster,
Member, Evangelism
Committee

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Men For the Ministry

The General Council voted recently to support Sunday, May 22, 1955 as a day to put emphasis on the ministry as a vocation and recommend this use of the day to the churches.

We commend this observance to our Kansas churches. We give all too little encouragement to parents and young people regarding the great need for trained ministers and the satisfactions which such service brings.

Why not make this emphasis from your pulpit on May 22, 1955?

Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

Are we "fiddling while Rome burns" or are some of the Congregational-Christian Churches of Kansas working in the field of Social Action and just not reporting it, so that this page might carry stories of successful programs?

Usually Kansas is out in front when conditions need improving. Maybe we have reached the saturation point and all our towns are perfect — but it is doubtful. How does your town approach a needed improvement? Does the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Women's Club or some government agency take the lead? Couldn't any local problem be approached more objectively by a cross-section of all these service groups gathered as a church-led study group? That would be Christian Social Action.

Does your town accept the highway death and accident record as a necessary evil or does it realize that it **(Your Town)** shows up in the statistics which prove a death every fourteen minutes? Do we need more rigid laws or do we need education in common courtesy? Wouldn't it be both interesting and worthwhile to ask officers of the law, doctors and lawyers to meet with a Social Action committee of your church to study the reasons for wrecks which do not always show up in the news reports?

Are the aged people of your town adequately cared for? As church people, are we doing even as little as calling regularly on the aged and shut-ins? Again, Doctors, Welfare agents and practical nurses, could bring to a Social Action Committee ideas which could lead to safe, properly supervised, homelike nursing homes.

Beyond the local level is the need to understand the world of today. Do we know that the United Nations is the modern world's best foundation for peace? Do we listen only to the critics of it, or do we study and understand its functions?

Are any Congregational Christian churches in Kansas seriously considering the Refugee Relief Act? Church World Service is the screening agency and the hope is that at least ten refugees or families will be welcomed to Kansas. The Congregational-Christian quota nationally is 500 families. The details for "how to do it" ar eavailable by writing Rev. Ray Gibbons, 289 Fourth Avenue, New York (10), N.Y. You will be amazed at how carefully Church World Service has worked out plans with our Government's State Dept., and how many safeguards there are for you and your church to take, much less risk, than was the case with Displaced Persons program, under which the Congregational-Christian Service Committee resettled 4200 people.

As I write this I feel sure that some churches have active Social Action Committees, either of the whole church or in the Women's Fellowship. Do let me know of any activities so that I can put them in this column. Whatever you are doing, may well serve as inspiration to others. Write to me at 221 West 5th, Russell, Kansas.

New Movie

"Forward With the C.S.A." is a new 12 minute 16mm movie on the new program of the Council for Social Action. Avaliable free for showing in your church. Write the Conference Office, 923 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kansas

"HOMES OPEN TO GOD" ANNOUNCING NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK

May 1 - 8, 1955

Calling to your attention the need for advance planning for National Family Week, we are pleased to present the happy George Fisk family of the "Brown Manse" at Wichita Fairmount. Jean is holding Madelyn— age 2 1/2 years, then only son Jonathan — age 8, Marcia — age 9 and Cynthia — age 4 1/2 with her daddy.

The theme of Family Week is "Open Your Homes to God." Our homes are open to many influences today — television programs, literature, recreation, friends and associates. But spiritual values are even more important than television sets and rumpus rooms.

A Place of Service and Fellowship

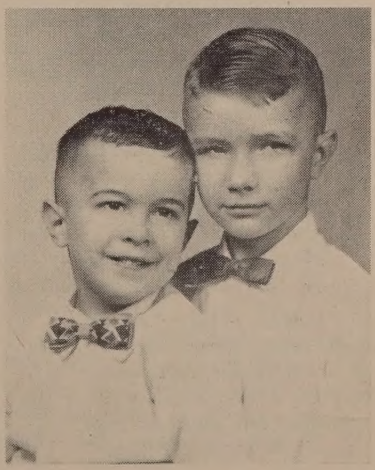
Jesus emphasized the need of the home as a place of fellowship where families meet each other in intimate, loving relationship. Everyone of us has experienced the blessing of being included in someone else's family circle. Why not make your home a place of warm fellowship for lonely people?

A Place of Worship

Because family love is so deep, family prayer is especially earnest and constant. Praise and gratitude are basic essentials of worship. Long before families organize a program of family worship, they lift their hearts together in grateful appreciation to God for home and family.

The Holmes Family

Ken and Dorothy Holmes of the Kansas City Ruby parsonage introduce us to their two boys, Timothy Charles, 4 1/2 years of age and Terry Lenn — 8 years old.



In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew them, the following names have been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor.

Mrs. Florence Lyter
By Carbondale Women

Mrs. C. H. Burdette
Mrs. Fred Nightengale
By Centralia Women

Mrs. Ethel Corey
By Council Grove Women

Mrs. Minnie Peters
By Downs Women

Mrs. Sara Smith
Mrs. Erma Thurma Kerfoot
By Lenora Women

Miss Lillian Brinkman
Mrs. S. A. Dorshaffer
Miss Florence Hill
Mrs. Ida Meyer
Mis Eleanor Vollmer
Mrs. Anna Wilcutt
Mrs. W. L. Sutherland
Mrs. Clara Thalheim
By Great Bend Women

Mrs. J. F. Boyersmith
Mrs. Will Love
Mrs. Harry Conkling
By Hutchinson Women

Mrs. Carrie Cole Baker
By Independence Women

Miss Addie Crooks
Mrs. Margie Bruner
Mrs. Grace Brown
Mrs. Edla Root
By K.C. First Pilgrim
Whatsoever Circle

Mrs. W. A. Donnelly
Mrs. Jennie Morrow
Mrs. C. E. Friend
By Lawrence Women

Mrs. Lizzie Bloyd
By Lincoln Women

Miss Emma Gridley
Mrs. Louise Dawson
Mrs. Pearl Roberts
By Emporia First Women

Mrs. P. M. Leohnard
By Leona Women

Mrs. Hattie McCormic
Mrs. Hattie Nixon
Mrs. Lydia Willard
Mrs. Pearl Evans
By Manhattan Women

Mrs. Mary Matson
By McPherson Women

Mrs. Rose Jackson
Mrs. Ethel Williamson
By Onaga Women

Miss Zella Parker
By Olathe Women

Mrs. E. M. Wentworth
By Russell Women

Miss Lillian Dreibelbis
Mrs. Fred Lyon
Mrs. Hope Wells
By Sabetha Women

Mrs. Amy Firoved
Mrs. Vada Venables
By Smith Center Women

Mrs. Marion Lasswell
Mrs. Will J. Grave
Mrs. Carl W. Robinson
Mrs. W. C. B. Herron
Mrs. Mary J. Robinson
Mrs. William B. Lawrence
Mrs. Carrie S. Vincent
Mrs. Edith Schlapley
Mrs. H. G. McPherson
By Topeka Central Women

Mrs. Jessie Morgan
Mrs. Hildur Munsell
Mrs. Henry Sherman
Mrs. Maude Curry Adams
By Udall Women

Mrs. Ida Jones Wakefield
By Wakefield Women

Mrs. Sarah Gravenstein
By Wheaton Women

Miss Edna Smith
By Whitewater Women

Mrs. L. C. Cutforth
Mrs. George Saxton
Mrs. Walter J. Coleman
Mrs. Stella Burk
Mrs. LaRue Lindley
Mrs. S. H. Grap
Mrs. W. A. Williams
Mrs. Margaret Stearns
By Wichita Plymouth Women

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Pentecost in Kansas

How prominent were the women in our record of Jesus' ministry and how kind and loving was His attitude toward them. We have a beautiful background for our part in His ministry and we must take it upon ourselves to intensify our efforts.

Our rOpportunity

Lent, Easter, Pentecost are times for rededication and if ever the world needed sincere Christian expression, it needs it now.

Our Niche

There are many areas of need, enough so that each of us can choose the kind of service that interests us most. Our six departments of service are so elastic they allow us to grow spiritually right within ourselves, or they spread the world before us.

Our Decision

Lent is the time for searching our souls. Do take time each day to do this. With God's help you'll find your part in building His Kingdom.

Easter is the time for rejoicing and praise — the time for renewal and decision.

Pentecost is the time for action, and if we use these coming weeks to take stock, with God's help there will be a Pentecost among the Congregational Christian women of Kansas that will reach around the world.

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster,
Spiritual Life Secretary

Friendly Service

Have you responded in any way to the call for help from our missionaries overseas which Kansas women have been asked to serve this year? Lists of, names, addresses and needs have been sent to each C.W.F group. Study those lists and supply as much as you can. Some of the askings are in material prepared for all age groups from Primary to Senior High and are graded according to departments. What are you doing now to interest your children and young people in sharing?

From Silliman University

The Rev. and Mrs. James McKinley state a special need for fountain pens for their work. They prefer the Esterbrook — (not ballpoints). Mr. McKinley asks, also for help for one of the graduates of the school of Theology, the Rev. Pastor B. Cometa who lost equipment which he has assembled through great effort. Mr. Cometa, already with a fine pastorate, gave it up to undertake a pioneering job in a difficult and isolated area. While on a journey, the boat which carried his

possessions was lost in a typhoon. Mr. McKinley suggests that we help with prayers and money in restoring the following items so urgently needed: typewriter, microphone, pick-up for the phonograph and the speaker (trumpet). Can you help? Address the Rev. James McKinley, College of Theology, Dumaguete City, Philippines.

Bibles for Japan

Rev. Alden E. Matthews, 540 Ueda, Takakura Yama - Hino Machi, Minamitama Gun - Tokyo-To, Japan sends an S.O.S. for urgent and immediate need of at least fifty cheap R.S.V. Old Testaments for an English Bible Class. Send according to U.S. Postal Regulations.

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India: Rev. Lloyd L. Lerbeer, Pasumalai, Madras State, South India.

Japan: Mrs. Robt. Grant, 1 of 13 Asukai Cho, Tanaka, Sa-Kyo-Ku, Kyoto, Japan.

Philippines: Rev. Robt. Crawford, 1956 Sandejas, #1A, Pasay City, Philippines.

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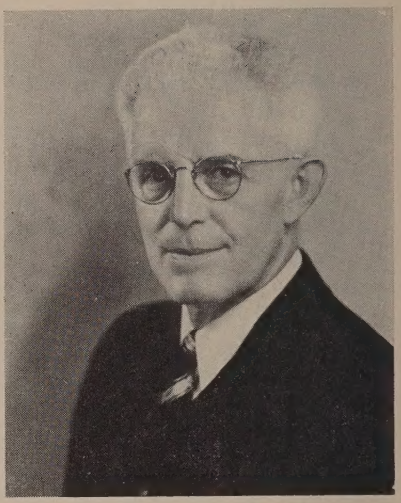
Fort Berthold churches, Emmet, No. Dakota, Miss Alice Watson.

Overseas Shipping: Send in small pacgages, 200 or 300 to a package, be sure to mark, "Printed Matter." "Of no Commercial Value" — one missionary suggested mailing cards in manila clasp envelope.

—Mrs. Walter Ives, Chairman
Mount Hope, Kansas



Ordained Fifty Years

Ordained by the Reformed Church in Toledo, Ohio, April 2, 1905, Dr. J. Henry Hornung will observe the anniversary of fifty years in the ministry in April. In a recent letter he writes: "They have been wonderful years."

He served a pastorate of 12 years and 5 months in Toledo and later a seven year pastorate in Cleveland. In June 1924 he was called to the pastorate of the Wichita Plymouth Congregational Church where he served with distinction for twenty-five years. When he came to the Wichita pastorate, the membership stood at 482; when he left, the membership neared the 1200 mark. The average Sunday morning attendance moved from an average of 152 to 331. His last Easter service showed an attendance of 933. During this 25 year pastorate, more than 600 funerals were conducted and he officiated at a like number of weddings. He gave much time to civic leadership; he conducted the school division cam-

paign for the Community Chest for 18 years. During the early years of his Wichita pastorate, the $66,000 debt on the church properties was liquidated as was an $11,0000 debt on the current budget. The local operating expense of the church was more than doubled and the benevolent giving increased seven fold.

In September 1949 the First Church of Hutchinson extended him a call to become their pastor. To Dr. Hornung this smaller but significant church offered just the opportunity he needed for recuperating his physical strength and matching his remaining years with rewarding service. His mature leadership at Hutchinson has brought new life and growth to the church and has resulted in the erection of more adequate facilities for church fellowship and church school activities.

In the fifty years of ministry, Dr. Hornung has magnified the art of preaching and has been widely recognized as the state's leading interpreter of the modernist's view point in theology. He has made much of his ministry to men and has left the guidance of women's work to his capable wife, Martha. He also gives full credit to Mrs. Hornung for promoting wider understanding in the benevolent and missionary program of the churches served. Recognition of Dr. Hornung's broader religious interests was made at a recent Brotherhood banquet attended by 135 men, when the Jewish men gave him a plaque "for disainguish-service in the field of human relations." Later he will receive a certificate of honor from the General Council's Department of the Ministry for fifty years of distinguished service as an ordained minister. Kansas Congregationalists rejoice with the Hornung's in this record of service that goes far beyond the normal expectancy.

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Eureka Improvements

Church Sanctuary improvements at Eureka recently include a divided chancel with new altar, pulpit, lectern, clergy stall, hymn board, offering plates, baptismal font and altar garments — all given as memorials. In addition the walls have been redecorated and new red carpeting has been installed. The Congregational group joined with the Lutheran's for special Lenten services. A Pastor's Class is being conducted by the Rev. R. Banks Blocher, Minister

New Babies in Southern

A baby daughter was born to the Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Bloebaum on February 2. The next day, Feb. 3, the Rev. and Mrs. David Railsback of Newton became parents of a baby girl, only a few days after they moved to Newton from Minneapolis, Minn. The following day, Feb. 4, Deborah Sue, came to live with the Rev. and Mrs. Merton Rymph and two year old "Dougie" of the Anthony parsonage.

Gospel Reading During Lent

Reading of the gospels, as suggested in the Winter Pilgrim Series Program Manual, was conducted at our Lenora Church on Sunday, March 6. The readings, continuous from 10:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. closed with Holy Communion.

On Sunday evenings during Lent the reading of the Gospels is being carried out at Topeka First. Held at 7:30 each Sunday evening in the Bockoven Memorial Chapel, the reading was interspersed with appropriate music and was followed by discussion in the church parlors.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

Norman Dirks, President **Peggy Epps, Secretary**

Mary Kay Wurzbacher
Eastern Secretary-Treasurer

And A Queen Too!

In addition to being a leader in church activities, local and association wise, Mary Kay Wurzbacher was honored as "Butter Queen" at a recent Kansas Agricultural Convention held in Topeka.

Mexican Fiesta

Junior Hi Pilgrims of Wichita Plymouth, under the leadership of their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Millikan, had 45 present at a recent meeting. Mexican food and decorations gave atmosphere to the program given by the Rev. Abel Charles, Minister of the Mexican Protestant Mission, who was assisted by his young people who sang native songs. Aunt Polly, who is now on the Wichita Plymouth staff, writes that it was a very worthwhile affair.

Wedding Bells!

Former Pilgrims Patsy Rudrauff and Barbara Hamker, both of Wichita Plymouth were married recently.

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Dear Mrs. Rymph:

To say thank you for the scholarship seems to me to be an inadequate expression of gratitude; nevertheless, I can say nothing but thank you. I want to extend my appreciation to you and to all the people who helped me to receive the scholarship. I shall work hard and try to be worthy of the award.

Sincerely,
Shelly Reece

Note: Shelly Reece was awarded the $150.00 Conference Scholarship to help him in his expenses at Doane College.

Dave Cutting to Scotland

Dave Cutting has been accepted by the Youth Department of the World Council of Churches to take part in an Ecumenical Work Camp this summer. He will help dig foundations for a church Center in a housing project in East Kilbride, Scotland. The dates for the camp are July 8 to August 7, but Dave does not know yet just when he will be sailing. Dave is serving as Student Pastor to a small rural church in Nebraska while attending Doane College. Congratulations, Dave, and good luck.

"Remembering Wa-Shun-Ga"

"I can remember a beautiful service on a hilltop and I am quite sure that everyone in that lovely spot of God's own making, felt the same wonderful swelling in their hearts that I felt. I would like for you to imagine a quiet, peaceful evening of late spring just as the sun is falling slowly below the horizon. The sky is yet aglow with the warm colors of gold and pink, as the last colors of another glorious day begin to fade away. I would like for you to place yourself on a hill, high above the rest of the world. As you glance from one side to the other you are filled with wonder at the miles and miles of God's great world spread out before you. As you turn toward the west, the last signs of the busy day float into the golden sunset as a small flock of birds hurry to their nests, singing of the beauty which God has placed before them. Before you, there stands an altar, beautiful only in the fact that it maintains a definite simplicity of nature which could not be found in one made of our own handiwork. There is a simple, white, wooden cross placed on an altar made of crude stones gathered from the hillside. Then, suddenly you are aware of the group seated around you. You have lived and learned and worshipped with them throughout one very full week and now your hearts are united in communion with God in this beautiful place. Somehow you feel very humble and small in this great world, yet you feel the Spirit of God so full in your heart that you feel you have the power to bring the whole world to the Kingdom of God, and you pray with all your heart, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth is it is in heaven,"

—Myrle Barton,
Wichita Fairmount

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Norky Jones Honored

Elected as Co-Chairman for the Student Christian Association of Doane College, Norky will serve this semester and the first semester of next year. The S.C.A. includes the whole of the Doane campus, faculty and students, and its program is open to all.

Western Rally

January 30 found 125 young people from five churches in the southern half of Western Association attending a very fine Rally at Kinsley. Churches represented were: Russell, Ford, Great Bend, Kinsley and Garden City.

Discussion groups on "What should Our P.F.'s Be Doing?" resulted in a decision that there should be more discipline at P.F. meetings, more planning so that worship and business meetings have depth and meaning, more work and service projects. A closing worship service was led by Hans Poppe and the Russell P.F.

Southern at Kiowa

An overnight Rally for Southern was held at Kiowa on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27. A part of the Saturday evening program was given to "Youth on Trial" with the Rev. Merton Rymph as judge, the Plaintiff-Society represented by Norman Dirks and the Defendant-Youth represented by Louis Poppe. Sixty Pilgrims were present.

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Christian Education

Mildred Widber
Guest Leader

La Foret Workshop August 3-7

Plans are well underway for the Annual Christian Education Workshop to be sponsored this year by Colorado, Central South, Kansas and Nebraska. Mrs. C. E. Georgeson of Lenora is representing Kansas in the planning and set up.

Miss Mildred Widber, of the Division of Christian Education, an expert in Children's Work, will be a Guest leader. Miss Widber holds that every child needs faith in God. To that end she has written on many subjects dealing with the child mind and its religious nurture. In addition to the Lower Junior Department leadership she will give an hour each day on general teacher training.

An outstanding leader for a Bible Course is being secured. The Rev. Cyril M. Hicks will be Dean of the School. There will be demonstration teaching up thru the Junior Department. A Children's Village with an activity program for all children from 3 years of age thru the sixth will be supervised by Rev. and Mrs. Leslie McCue. This program cares for these children from breakfast thru 5 o'clock in the afternoon, leaving parents free for classes and other phases of the adult program.

The total cost is $15.50 per person: children 3 to 5 years, $7.50. Every church in Kansas would do well to have at least one church school teacher attend this year. Help from the church on expenses should be given serious consideration.

LaForet camp is a beautiful place, located in Black Forest, 11 miles north and 6 miles east of Colorado Springs. A delightful spot for study, training and fellowship.

Family Life Commission

The first meeting of th new Conference Family Life Commission sponsored by the Christian Education Committee with Mrs. C. E. Georgeson as coordinator, will meet in Topeka at the State Parsonage on March 20. Members of the Commission, in addition to Mrs. Georgeson are Mr. and Mrs. Philip Felton of Great Bend, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Happy of Lawrence and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Miller of Wichita Plymouth. Other assistants from the Women's Fellowship are Mrs. Harry Hicks of Manhattan and Mrs.

D. B. Joseph of Whitewater. Following a courtesy luncheon by the Rymph's, plans for the coming months will be made.

The Hans Poppe Family

Direct Family Camp

Hans and Ruth Poppe of Russell, with their children, Tanis and Mark, will guide the course of the tri-state Family Camp to be held at Estes Park July 24-30.

The camp to be held in the Friendship Circle Cabins at Association Camp, will accommodate 26 families. Kansas will probably be able to send eight or nine families. The cost is $26.50 for each adult, $22.00 for children 7 to 11 and $17.50 for children 2 to 6.

At Family Camp, families **live** together, **eat** together, **hike** together, **build** together in crafts and hobbies, **sing** together, **worship** together. They make plans for more happy family living and learn about religious beliefs, family relationships and adjustments.

Why not sponsor a family from your Church? If you would like to know more about Family Camping, invite a family who has attended. The following were at Estes last year: Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Colby, Wichita Pilgrim, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dorsett, Wichita Fairmount, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Graves, Topeka Central, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hays, Gaylord, Mr. and Mrs. Don Maxwell, Topeka Central, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Merker, Topeka First, Rev. and Mrs. Hans Poppe, Russell, Rev. and Mrs. Louis Poppe, Whitewater, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rymph, Wichita Pilgrim, Mr. and Mrs. John Wheelock, Wichita Fairmount.

Plan now to help on the expense to send a family from your church. It will pay big dividends.

Steward's of God's World

Projects for April

In our country, spring means bounty: it reminds us of the great gifts that are ours to be shared. So for April we suggest several projects in one, as they are closely related.

Distribution Surplus Food

$10.00 given by a Church School distributes $200.00 worth of surplus foods. $10.00 provides a multi-purpose meal a day for a child for one year.

Powdered Milk Overseas

$6.00 sends enough milk powder to provide a cup of milk a day for 10 people for a year! Even a dime can do mighty things — it can provide a cup of milk for 60 hungry children.

Help Resettle Refugees

Unfortunate people living in camps, who can not return to their homelands. They long for a home in America. We can help.

Your Old Clothes Can Save a Life

Gifts of clothing, bedding and shoes save life, bring new hope and strengthen faith. Send to Church World Service, 4165 Duncan Avenue, St. Louis 10, Mo. Eight cents for each pound should accompany clothing to make overseas distribution possible.

From Garden City Newsletter

Paul Davis writes; "One of the major opportunities of any local church is Christian Education at a person-to-person, face-to-face level. It would be exciting and fruitful, I think, if we did much more of this. We all have religious and moral questions which disturb us or cause us to rethink our personal faith and principles. Why shouldn't we come together in small groups to share our thoughts? Such groups might meet more or less regularly. I would like to know your feelings."

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1708 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

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Eastern Rally

On March 18 and 19 Eastern Pilgrims will be guests of Topeka First for an overnight Rally. Worship services will be led by Sabetha and Seneca groups. On Friday evening a movie, "A Chance to Grow" will be shown and Rev. Max Morgan of the First Baptist Church, Topeka will speak.

The following workshop sessions will be held: "After High School—What?" by Dale Turner; "Building Worship Services" by Ned McKenney; "Let's Get Busy — Stewardship and Service Projects" by Bill Keeney; "What Games Can We Play?" by Bill Bryant and "How To Plan a Program" by Margaret Epps.

Parents and Pilgrims Banquet

Fifty attended this courtesy meal served at Gorham Church by the Ladies Aid. Judy Sick of Russell led singing and Lewis Gilbreath of Russell High School brought the message.

Russell P. F. Busy

Some 45 quarts of chili were made and delivered to homes in the Russell parish as a recent money making project. A number of sleigh ride outings were enjoyed on a large sled owned by the church and pulled by the Poppe Ford.

Community Pancake Supper

The Smith Center Pilgrims under the leadership of Phil Heinschel served a pancake supper in the Community Hall on February 26. All anyone could eat was served for 50 cents.

Church Loan Benefit

Men of the Seneca Church prepared and served their annual pan-cake supper on February 18, and from the proceeds paid the balance due on the $500.00 pledge to the Loan Fund.

Ellis Church

The stained glass windows have recently been re-set and braced at a cost of more than $200.00.

CAMP WA-SHUN-GA

Senior Camp — June 5 - 11 Junior Hi Camp — June 12 - 18